

In the Claims.

No claim amendments are being made. This listing of the claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) A method, of sending a user message through a transmission network, comprising :
 activating a request to set up a call channel;
 placing a user message in a spare field of a signaling message for setting up the call channel;
 and then
 performing a signaling stage comprising sending said signaling message; and
 terminating the setting up of the call channel once the user message has been communicated.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user message is stored in a dedicated memory of the receiver of the user message.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein a user is authorized to access the dedicated memory by means of specific commands.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein:
 the dedicated memory is in a mobile telephone used as a modem, and
 the transmission network is a mobile telephone network.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated memory is in an ISDN-type modem and an ISDN is used as the transmission network.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the size of the user message is limited to 35 eight-bit bytes at maximum.
7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user message is communicated in an enciphered form.
8. (Previously Presented) A transceiver device, intended for use in transmitting a user message to a called party and for receiving a reply to the user message from the called party, said device comprising:
 - a dedicated memory;
 - one or more of the user message and the reply to the user message stored in the dedicated memory; and
 - a processor adapted to form a signaling message so as to include the user message in a spare field;wherein the processor is adapted also to send the signaling message during a call set-up operation of a signaling stage.
9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, wherein the capacity of the dedicated memory is no more than 35 bytes.
10. (Previously Presented) A method, of sending a user message through a transmission network, comprising:
 - activating a request to set up a call channel;
 - placing a user message in a spare field of a signaling message for setting up the call channel;
 - and then
 - performing a signaling stage comprising sending said signaling message; and

terminating the setting up of the call channel once a reply to the user message has been received.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the reply to the user message is stored in a dedicated memory of the receiver of the user message.
12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein a user is authorized to access the dedicated memory by means of specific commands.
13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein:
the dedicated memory is in a mobile telephone used as a modem, and
the transmission network is a mobile telephone network.
14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the dedicated memory is in an ISDN-type modem and an ISDN is used as the transmission network.
15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the size of the user message is limited to 35 eight-bit bytes at maximum.
16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the user message is communicated in an enciphered form.